

of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Approved, February 9, 1870.

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## NUMBER VI.

### REMOVAL OF NATIONAL CAPITAL.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to the Removal of the National Capital.

WHEREAS, The present national capital was located in the infancy of the Republic, and with reference to the convenience of the people living on the Atlantic coast; and,

WHEREAS, The remarkable growth of our country, the rapid increase of its population, the vast extent of its additions made to its territory, and the wonderful development of its agricultural, mineral, and commercial resources, forcibly suggest and demand a more central and eligible position for the permanent seat of government; and,

WHEREAS, It is believed the removal indicated is only a question of time, and the time has come when it should be practically and earnestly considered and prepared for; therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa.* That our Senators in Congress be and are hereby instructed, and our Representatives requested to oppose all appropriations of public funds for the erection of new buildings, or permanent additions to those now in existence, or for other permanent improvements in the District of Columbia, except so far as the same may be absolutely necessary, and to use all honorable means to effect, at the earliest practicable period, a removal of the seat of government from Washington city to some point in the great valley of the Mississippi.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State be directed to forward a copy of this preamble and joint resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved, February 25, 1870.

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## NUMBER VII.

### FOR INCREASE OF MAIL FACILITIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION, Asking for increased Mail Facilities.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be